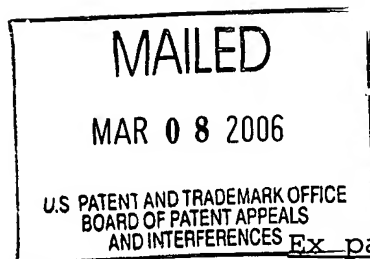


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte STEVEN D. SEIP, EDWIN B. TOWNSEND,
SEHYUN KIM and LESLIE A. BOCKMAN

Application No. 10/673,791

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 8, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that on April 21, 2005, appellants filed an Appeal Brief under the new rules set forth in § 41.37(c). In response to appellants' Brief, the examiner entered an Examiner's Answer on June 14, 2005. A review of the Examiner's Answer reveals that the Answer does not contain the required headings in accordance with the Manual of Patent

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Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.02 (8th ed., Rev. 3,
August 2005).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the
examiner to:

- (1) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 14, 2005,
- (2) issue a new Examiner's Answer containing the required
headings in accordance with MPEP § 1207.02, and
- (3) and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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